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WILL SECURE RANGE FOR VA. SOLDIERS

Authorities Working Quietly on Plan for Regular Rifle Practice.

ASK LEGISLATURE TO HELP

Officers of the Brigade Point Out Great Need of Better Equipment.

Admitting the great need of a rifle range, where the militiamen of Virginia may be properly trained in the leading art of war, the authorities are preparing to provide and equip it, and will appeal to the General Assembly for an appropriation in every way sufficient to meet all demands.

Officers of the First Brigade speak clearly on the subject this morning, and their views will command attention and respect. The record at Washington shows that Adjutant-General Anderson was correct in the statement that the government appropriation would not be available until July 1st. Since then there has not been time for a complete arrangement of plans. They worked out carefully and well, and the authoritative announcement concerning the site for a camp and range to be forthcoming shortly will stimulate interest in the service, and these facilities, when provided, will enable the men to equip themselves better for actual work on the field.

What General Vaughan Says.

Opinions on the subject have been received by The Times-Dispatch from General C. C. Vaughan, Jr., commanding the First Virginia Brigade; Colonel William J. Perry, of the Seventeenth Regiment, and Colonel Robert F. Leedy, of the Seventy-Second Regiment. They have all been discussed, and all agree that it is important to educate the militia in the use of rifles by actual training at the range. General Vaughan says:

To properly equip a soldier to perform his most important duty it is an absolute necessity that Virginia provide a rifle range; but under the meagre appropriation from the State for military purposes it has not been possible to do this. In fact, in 1905, target practice, even at home stations, was ordered discontinued on account of lack of funds for the purchase of ammunition. This unfortunate condition has been relieved through the government appropriation for target practice, and it is anticipated that in the near future Virginia volunteers will have the same advantage to learn to fulfill their important mission as troops of States that have been more liberal in providing for the support and maintenance of their national guard. The absence of a range has greatly handicapped the Adjutant-General in his strenuous efforts to send a winning team from Virginia to participate in the national contests.

"In 1905 the team had no training before leaving for Seagirt, and but for the generosity of Colonel Walter in proffering the use of the marine range at Williamsburg it would have gone to Camp Perry this year without training. Virginia is greatly outclassed by the other States in providing for its National Guard, and its existence is due solely to the patriotism of the officers and men, who are willing to make the necessary sacrifice of time and money.

"It is natural that every Virginian should feel humiliated that we are not in the lead as marksmen, but when it is understood that target practice had to be discontinued on account of lack of funds for ammunition until the government came to the rescue in 1906, then it is readily seen that we are not to be held responsible for failing to take the lead in contests with teams from States that for years before the government appropriation was enacted provided ranges and ammunition for practice and trophies to stimulate interest and enthusiasm. It is my desire to see a sufficient acreage purchased to accommodate both a rifle range and a permanent camp, and I believe such will be done as soon as the state of finances will permit. The question has frequently been favorably discussed and information has been sought concerning a suitable site.

"The commander-in-chief is thoroughly interested in the subject of rifle practice, as evidenced by the generous donation of a 'Governor's trophy' to be shot for in an individual contest. In fact, a 'brigade trophy' will be provided and contested for by the teams of the three regiments of the first brigade, so it is hoped that 1908 will bring successful and satisfactory results.

In a similar vein, Colonel W. J. Perry, of Staunton, writes in response to the query of The Times-Dispatch, he says:

"It is of the utmost importance that



GENERAL C. C. VAUGHAN, JR., COLONEL W. J. PERRY.

at least one centrally located rifle range, with sufficient adjacent land for a camp of instruction, be procured as promptly as possible. A soldier is useless if he can not shoot to hit, and it takes time and practice to make a marksman with the long range rifle. At present, the average Virginia militiaman has no opportunity to become an expert shot. The reason for this being no Virginia State range is that the present State appropriation for the support of the militia is insufficient to cover the incidental expenses of the military establishment, even with the practice of the strictest economy, and there have been no available funds for the purchase or maintenance of range or camp-ground near for paying expenses incidental to rifle competition.

The first special appropriation for target practice became available in July, 1906, and there is not now enough money to the credit of the State from that source for the purchase of suitable land, practice range, the construction of range and necessary buildings, arranging for camp site, water supply, drainage and sewerage and for its maintenance. The Legislature should be asked to provide for the purchase and equipment of a permanent camp-ground, with a view to using this in connection with a rifle range, the latter to be purchased, equipped and maintained from the United States appropriation. In time of war or international trouble there is no chance to teach men to shoot, and the instruction in this, together with the camp training the men would receive, would prove a good return for the money invested.

Let Them Shoot, Says Leedy.

Colonel Robert F. Leedy, of Luray, has the following to say:

"The State should, by all means, possess a range for rifle practice and a camp-ground as well. It is perfectly foolish to spend money trying to instruct the militia in the use of rifles, and to neglect the most necessary feature to the efficiency of the soldier is absolutely ignored and neglected. Teaching men to march and to drill is of little use if they are not able to do so in perfect time and salute on every occasion and look pretty in one thing, and to be a soldier capable of taking care of yourself and doing the most damage to the enemy is another; the latter accomplishment can only be accomplished by rifle practice.

"I know of no reason why the State does not own a camp-ground and rifle range except that she was once too poor to do so, a condition, however, which does not exist to-day. The next General Assembly will find nearly \$1,000,000 of surplus in the State Treasury, and it only remains to be seen whether or not it will appropriate a respectable fund for the maintenance and support of the Virginia volunteers. The glories of Virginia's past, her prestige and the hope of her future, her peace and security in person and in property, demand that she should have a volunteer force equal to the best in this great Union, and the General Assembly ought to see to it that she has that or none."

Hobbs-Dabney.

Mr. M. Colson Hobbs and Miss M. Lucie Dabney were married yesterday afternoon at the Farmington Avenue parsonage by the pastor, Rev. H. J. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobbs will take a Northern trip, and will be at home to friends at the Farmington 21st at No. 909 West Marshall Street.

A SUMMER APPETIZER—A teaspoonful of Horsford's Acid Phosphate in a glass of water stimulates appetite and quenches thirst.

MOVEMENT TO HAVE FEWER DEPUTIES

Question of Size of Lower House Will Engage Attention of Episcopal Convention.

MANY PLANS PROPOSED

Local Committee Declares Complaint Against Rates Has No Justification.

Representation in the house of deputies will be one of the important matters claiming the attention of the coming Episcopal General Convention in Richmond. The present basis of representation calls for four clergy, men and four laymen from each diocese, and the house of deputies, which will meet in this city October 2d, will be constituted on that basis.

With the division of many States into two or more dioceses, the extension of the church work throughout the West, and the establishment of various missionary jurisdictions, the body, it is stated, has become so large as to be somewhat unwieldy for ordinary legislative procedure, and in order to handle all the business the strictest adherence to the rules of legislative assemblies is necessary. As it is the whole first floor of St. Paul's Church will have to be reserved for the deputies. Rules of the convention provide that only the presiding officer, the secretary and his assistants shall under any circumstances be admitted to the platform.

Just in front in the center aisle will be erected a speaker's stand or pulpit, to which any member who expects to make extended remarks will be invited. Seats will also be reserved across the front of the church for the accredited representatives of a number of newspapers and periodicals, the rule providing that only the newspaper men and delegates shall be admitted to the floor. The galleries will be open to visitors and spectators under certain regulations.

Plans Suggested.

Various plans have been suggested for some reduction in the number of delegates to the house of deputies, but as yet no definite action has been taken. Recently the church papers have had the matter under discussion, but the advocates of the change have not as yet agreed upon any specific plan which they will recommend.

The basis of representation by diocese is based on the proportion of the actual communicants in each diocese has met with some favor, and is a more democratic and truly representative.

It is pointed out, however, that different methods of keeping the rolls of communicants obtain in many sections of the country, and that in many individual churches the rolls are notoriously inaccurate. A representation on the basis of the number of communicants in each diocese has also been advocated, and as the clergy lists are comparatively free from error they would not be open to the objection of the other method. A basis of one representative for each 100 clergy cannot be practically resident in any diocese has been proposed.

Opponents of the suggested change, however, point out that either proposition puts into the hands of ten or twelve dioceses the preponderance of influence in the convention, since wherever there are large lists of communicants there is usually a correspondingly lengthy clergy list.

An even simpler suggestion, which does not, however, touch the basis of representation complained of by some sections of the country as unjust, is to change the number of delegates from four to three for both clergy-men and laymen, thus reducing the size of the membership of the house of deputies by twenty-five per cent.

Changes in List.

The list of deputies to the general convention, which has already been printed, is an interesting study. Although many of the members have before sat in conventions of the church, with the single exception of the Diocese of New York, no diocese

has sent the same delegation in full that represented it in 1903, and a three years' absence from the convention is a considerable new element in the convention, and it is this new element which makes it impossible for the experts in the church to forecast the action of the convention on any matter with any degree of certainty.

The Living Church, one of the leading Episcopal papers, points out that with one or two exceptions, men of distinction who gave their support to Dr. Cransey in his late heresy trial, have failed of re-election.

For ability, conservatism and scholarship the roll is said to compare favorably with the late general convention.

Presiding Officers.

The presiding bishop of the convention is the Rt. Rev. Daniel S. McKim, D. D., of the Diocese of Missouri. Bishop Tuttle will preside at the impressive opening and closing services of the convention, both of which will be held in Trinity Church.

Although there is no definite announced program for the house of bishops, it is probable that they will at once proceed to the election of officers, with every probability that the present staff will be re-elected. The secretary of the bishops is the Rev. Samuel Hart, D. D., of Hartford, Conn., who, with his four assistants, are the persons not bishops who are admitted to the sessions of this house.

The president of the house of deputies is the Rev. William H. McKim, D. D., of Washington, D. C., who, with the secretary, Rev. Henry Anstie, D. D., of New York, will probably be re-elected at the opening of the convention.

No "Extortion" Here.

The Times-Dispatch received a letter yesterday from a correspondent who charges that unusually high prices are being charged to convention delegates by the housekeepers of Richmond.

O. H. Funsten, chairman of the hospitality committee, and Rev. T. C. Darst, general secretary of the committee of arrangements, both authorized by the committee, in a statement, declare that if any of the delegates and visitors to the convention are being charged the outrageous prices mentioned in the letter, they must have made their own arrangements independently of the committee on hospitality.

The uniform prices for board in private homes, arranged through Mr. Darst's office, is \$1 a day for room, without board, \$2 a day for room and board, or \$10 a week for room and board for delegates staying the three weeks of the convention.

There are also one or two in a room in private homes in desirable localities, near to car lines, and include every convenience usual in the best class of residences.

TO VISIT RICHMOND.

Head of Knights of the Macabees Coming This Week.

Hon. D. P. Markey, supreme commander of the Knights of the Macabees of the World, will visit this city during this week. He will arrive Wednesday at noon, and will be glad to meet as many members of the order as possible. Mr. Markey will be present at the regular review of Monroe Tent, No. 14, at Monroe Hall, Wednesday night, the 18th. All his knights of all the tents are especially requested to be present to meet him.

While in Richmond, Mr. Markey will stop at Murphy's Hotel, and will be glad to have any and all of the knights call on him there.

VALLEY LEAGUE TO MEET.

Will Hold Grand Rally at Scottsville Next Week.

The Upper James River Valley League will hold a grand rally at Scottsville on Wednesday, September 18th, and the executive committee extends a cordial invitation to all residents of the valley to attend.

The two United States Senators, both of whom are near the valley, and the Congressmen from the districts affected by the movement on foot to improve conditions in the fertile belt, will be asked to attend and make addresses, and the occasion promises to be a most interesting and profitable one. It is expected that farmers, land owners and business men residing all along the James River from Richmond to Lynchburg will attend.

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Blue and Black Suits

At Reduced Prices

Inventory developed too many Blue and Black Suits. To reduce stock hundreds of them go on sale this morning at the following reductions:

\$15.00, \$16.50 and \$18.00 Blue Serge and Black Thibet Suits,

Reduced to \$11.00

\$22.50 and \$25.00 Blue Serge and Black Thibet Suits,

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Gans-Rady Company

LIQUOR ORDINANCE COMES UP FRIDAY

Members of Council Far Apart on the Saloon Question.

TWO PLANS ARE SUGGESTED

Committee to Consider Them With Hope of Reaching Agreement.

Chairman Lynch has called a meeting of the Committee on Ordinance, Charter and Reform for Friday night, at which time the various liquor ordinances will be again considered, with a view to reaching an agreement before sending the matter to Council.

At present there are two separate and distinct propositions before the committee.

As a substitute for the first report of a subcommittee, Alderman Danby suggested that the license be fixed at \$500, that the number of saloons, hotels, etc., be not more than 150, and that none be located in the residential sections. Mr. Jacob Umlauf, however, has prepared a substitute for the whole, making the license \$1,000 and limiting the number of saloons to one hundred, hotels included.

Whether or not it will be possible to adopt one of these plans remains to be seen. There is a wide difference of opinion in Council, and it is almost certain that the fight will be transferred there for final determination.

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FIXING ALLEY TO DODGE CRUTCHFIELD

Street Committee Trying to Wipe Out Public Nuisance.

WON'T DO IT, SAYS CUTSHAW

Engineer Doubts if Remedy Will Be Effective—Routine Work.

Apparently alarmed by the possibility of facing Justice Crutchfield, the Committee on Streets took steps last night to abate a nuisance in an alley on the north side of Broad Street, between Thirtieth and Thirty-first Streets.

The remedy suggested may not prove to be that desired, after all, according to Engineer Cutshaw, but the effort will be made nevertheless.

Councilman Richards appeared before the committee and called attention to the condition of the alley. Thereafter the discussion was long and technical. Mr. Attorney Pollard was asked to explain matters, and he did so from a legal point of view; but some of the questions asked him, at his suggestion, were referred to the Engineer.

Resolution Adopted.

Finally, Mr. Mann offered a resolution, subsequently prepared by City Attorney Pollard, to the effect that the city be directed to drain the alley, put in sewer pipes and construct the necessary inlets. Furthermore, the City Attorney was directed to dismiss the legal proceedings instituted to ascertain the damage to property-owners for grading, etc.

City Engineer Cutshaw said that he had never seen a trap in an alley that did not cause trouble by choking up. He thought the best thing to do was to fill the grade up so that the water would go away.

The committee was in session for two hours or more, and cleared the docket of a mass of routine business.

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COLLEGE TO OPEN FOR NEW SESSION

Seventy-Sixth Year Will Begin on Thursday With Bright Prospects.

FOOTBALL SQUAD AT WORK

Coach Dunlop Already Has Men at Practice—Faculty Meeting To-Day.

The seventy-sixth session of Richmond College will begin on Thursday. Already a large number of students are on the grounds, and the prospect for an increased attendance is very encouraging.

The majority of the professors have returned, and the first meeting of the general faculty will be held this morning at 10:30 o'clock. It is expected that all professors will be present. The law faculty held its first meeting last evening, and President Boatwright and Professors Montague, Long, McNeill and Garnett were present. The senior law class this session will be the largest in five or six years. The enrollment in the junior class already exceeds the attendance last session.

The manager of the football team, Mr. H. H. George, III., is making great preparations for a season of successful football. Coach Dunlop has returned from his vacation, and has a large squad of men practicing every day. Most of the old men are back, and a number of experienced football players are applying for positions on the team.

Wednesday and Thursday will be devoted to matriculating students and assigning them to rooms. The first public meeting of the session will be held in the college auditorium Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. This meeting will be in charge of the College Y. M. C. A., and the public will be welcome. Classes meet for organization on Friday, the schedule being as follows:

Latin, 9 to 9:30; Greek, 9:30 to 10; French, German and Spanish, 10 to 10:30; English Language and Literature, 10:30 to 11; mathematics, 11 to 11:30; physics, astronomy and drawing, 11:30 to 12; chemistry, 12 to 12:30; philosophy, 12:30 to 1; history, 1 to 1:30; biology, 1:30